Indo-Vietnam Cooperation in IT Sector

187. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in enlarged Indo-Vietnam economic cooperation, besides exploration and exploitation of oil and natural gas Vietnam is to be helped in a big way to modernize its information technology sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India would be extending to the Government of Vietnam a grant of Rs. 10 crores for setting up an IT Software and Training Centre; and a credit of US$ 5 million for setting up two software human resource development centres in Vietnam.

Participation in Indo-European Union Round Table Conference

†188. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the B.M.S. was introduced as sole trade union in the Round Table Conference of the Indo-European Union;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the European Trade Union leaders, having been displeased with, held separate talks with the rest of the Trade Unions; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Indo-European Union Round Table has trade union representatives both on the Indian and the EU side. On the Indian side it includes the Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, whose representative for personal reasons was unable to attend the first meeting. There is a mutual desire on both sides to increase the representation from trade unions for future meetings.

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